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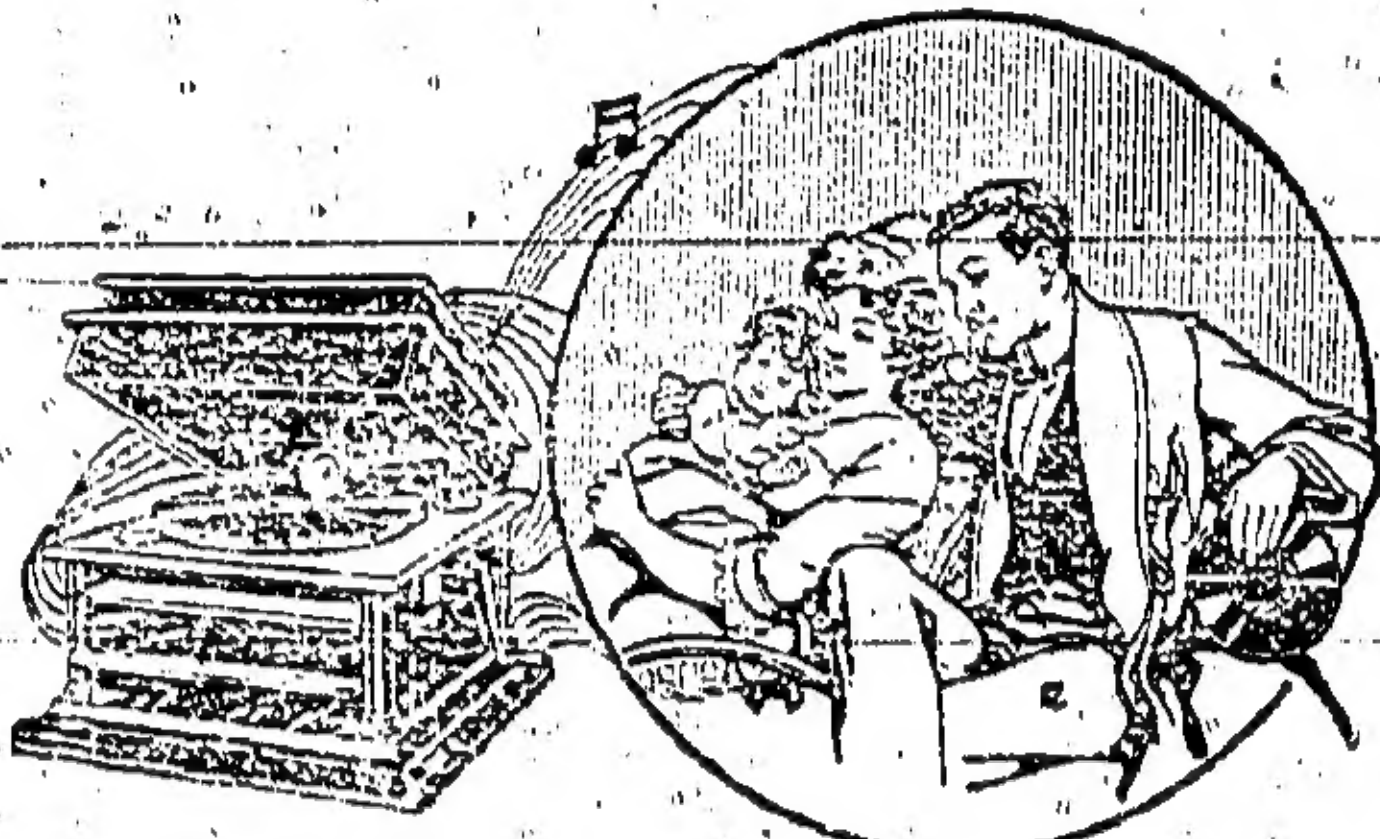
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Hongkong, June 14, 1915.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-EGHTEH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited, on THURSDAY, 1st February, 1916, at 12.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1915.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 20th January to TUESDAY, 1st February, 1916 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Acting Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Limited.

General Agents for the West Point Building Co., Limited, Hongkong, Jan. 13, 1916.

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SECOND ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited, on TUESDAY, 1st February, 1916, at 11.45 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1915.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 20th January to TUESDAY, 1st February, 1916 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LTD.,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE
Acting Secretary to the General Managers.

Hongkong, Jan. 13, 1916.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-EGHTEH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited, on THURSDAY, 1st February, 1916, at 12.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1915.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, Jan. 13, 1916.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited, on TUESDAY, 1st February, 1916, at 12.15 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1915.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 20th January to TUESDAY, 1st February, 1916 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. BRUCE SHAPPEED,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, Jan. 13, 1916.

COMMERCIAL.

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Vernon and Smyth in their weekly share report, dated 21st January state:—

Our last report, was issued on the 13th instant. During the interval there has been somewhat less demand for Shipping shares (Douglases and Indos) and prices have eased off slightly on profit taking for settlement account, and to some extent owing to the approach of China New Year, the market closing on the quiet side for both stocks. In other respects the local market has ruled quiet but firm, and with a moderate business passing at current quotations. Standard Tin is quoted from London at £17 1/2 for Cash, and £17 1/4 forward, and plantation Rubber at 3/7 1/2 and 3/7 1/4 for spot and 6 months respectively. Bar Silver is quoted this morning at \$1 1/4 Sterling T.T. at 1/11, Shanghai T.T. at 7 1/4, and Singapore T.T. at 8 1/4. The Bank's buying rate for 3 1/4 bills on Shanghai now stands at 7 1/4. Shanghai's has improved to a buying quotation of 88 1/2, and small lots could probably be placed at slightly over this rate.

Marine Insurance.—Unions are firmer with sales and probable buyers at \$10 1/2, and Cautions have improved to \$4 1/2 with sales. North China are unchanged at \$1 1/2 nominal, and Yangtze are lower in the North at \$2 1/2 with 2 1/2 business done.

Fire Insurance.—Chinas have been booked at \$15 1/2, and more are enquired for at slightly under this rate. Bonds are a quiet but ready at \$4 1/2, no business having transpired during the interval.

Shipping.—Indos and Douglases continued in good demand during the earlier part of the period under review, and sales of the former were booked up to \$12 1/2 for the combined, \$12 1/2 for the Deferred, and \$13 for the Preferred, with full equivalent rates forward for March and April delivery, but during the last few days a quieter tone has set in, and quotations on profit taking have eased to \$11 1/2 for the Deferred, and \$12 1/2 for the Preferred, and \$13 for the Combined reported at \$17 1/2. Douglases have been similarly affected, sales having been booked up to \$11 1/2 for Cash and \$12 1/2 for April, the market now closing with probable sellers at \$11 1/2 for Cash the buying rate being about \$11 1/2. Star Lines close with sellers at \$37, and Steamboats firm at \$20 with buyers.

Oil.—Shells have improved to 88 1/2, buyers after further sales at 88 1/2 and at 87 1/2. Ural Caspians are unchanged with sellers at 35 1/2, and Langkats have risen to a buying quotation of \$1 1/2 with little or no business doing locally.

Refining.—China Sugars have further improved their position, and sales have been booked up to \$12 1/2 for Cash and \$13 1/2 April, the market closing steady with probable buyers at \$12 1/2.

Mining.—This market has again ruled very quiet, and prices are the same as quoted in our last circular, viz. buyers of Treasons at 7 1/2—Rambos on offer at 8 1/2, and Kailans neglected with a nominal quotation of \$2 1/2.

Docks, Wharves and Buildings.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been the medium of a small business, and close with buyers offering 88 1/2 for the old claim rights the new having a nominal quotation of 87 1/2.

Wharves.—Wharves have been placed at \$7 1/2 and \$7 1/4 and close on offer at the last quotations. In the north prices are unchanged, buyers offering Tis. 9 for New Engineers, Tis. 60 for Shanghai Docks and Tis. 92 for Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves.

Land, Fields and Buildings.—Central Estates during the week have been quiet and close with a nominal quotation of \$10 1/2. Hongkong Lands have been placed at \$10 1/4 and \$10 1/2, and close with a nominal quotation at the latter figure. Hongkong Hotel are in demand at \$10, with no shares obtainable at the rate. West Point has improved to \$8 1/2 at which rate business has been done, and more shares wanted at the figure. Kowloon Lands remain in request at \$40 with no buyers to report, and Humphreys Estate have a mere at \$2 1/2.

Cotton Mills.—This market still runs extremely dull. Ewos have been placed at Tis. 150, Kung Yik at Tis. 15 1/2, and div. down to Tis. 12 1/2 ex div. and Shanghai Cottons at Tis. 92. The closing quotations according to our latest advice are as follows, viz. Kowloon Tis. 14 1/2, Intercontinental Tis. 72 buyers, Kung Yik Tis. 18 buyers ex div. and Loon Kung Tis. 27 1/2 buyers. The following have a nominal quotation, viz. Shanghai Cottons Tis. 92, 80 1/2, 80 1/2, and Yangtze Tis. 9.

Miscellaneous.—Commas have been sold at \$10 and \$10 1/2 and now close with buyers at \$9 1/2. Shanghai have been the

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medium of business at \$4 1/2. China Borneo at \$10 1/2, Hongkong Trams at \$5 1/2 and Steam Laundry at \$4 1/2. Loss are on offer at \$135. Proponents at \$10 1/2 and Union Waterworks at \$10. Dairy Farms have buyers at \$20. Peak Trams at \$10 (old) and \$5 cents for new issue, and Watsons are wanted at \$8 1/2. China Light and Power and Hongkong Rop are close with a nominal quotation at \$1 1/2 and \$3 1/2 respectively.

Memos.—Next Meeting day—Jan. 25th. Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. The West Point Building Co., Ltd. The Hongkong Central Estate Co., Ltd. and The Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., all on the 1st February 1916; transfer books now closed until that date.

RACING IN ENGLAND.

"Magpie" writing in the Globe last month said:—

Having survived the crisis racing may take a fresh lease of life in the New Year. There is certainly good prospect of success crowning the valiant efforts of the association, which has secured the Government's consent to re-start stoppage racing. Seven days' racing is announced for January. Gatwick has a single day meeting on January 1, and in turn follow Lingfield, Windsor, and Gatwick again, with two days' meetings, all at the week-end, which is a highly important point.

The stakes offered for subscription are higher than I expected in view of the restrictions against public support. They aggregate £200 a day at Gatwick and Lingfield, made up by two £100 races and four of £50 each. The executive stipulate for twenty subscribers at £25 for the £200 races and fifteen at £22 for the others, no the two-fifths of the stakes will be guaranteed. Entries are certain to be numerous, however, and I do not suppose the fund will be called upon to contribute more than 25 per cent.

The other places mentioned in the original scheme, Hawthorn Hill, Newmarket, Colwall Park, and Plumpton have not applied for dates, but if the experimental meetings succeed there is good prospect of stoppage racing this winter at certain approved places in the Midlands and North.

In bringing the new scheme to its present stage, Messrs Pratt and the other people concerned have surmounted many troublesome obstacles without thought or prospect of profit, and it must now be left to the owners. Many owners, I understand, are prepared to lend their support in the same spirit.

THE BRITISH CENSORSHIP AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

NEW REGULATION.

The following communication from the Foreign Office was published in the London papers last month:—

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has arranged that from 20th December, 1915, censorship by the Press Bureau on behalf of the Foreign Office shall be suspended.

This will not mean that there will be any change in the provisions of the Defence of the Realm Acts or in the regulations made thereunder. They will remain binding as heretofore, but the responsibility of seeing that they are complied with as regards the publication in any newspaper or by any news agency of matters relating to foreign affairs will rest upon the directors of that newspaper or news agency.

As regards matter telegraphed abroad from this country, the responsibility will rest with the senders of the telegrams.

The censorship of Press telegrams from one foreign country to another over British cables will remain unaltered, since the senders of such telegrams are not within British jurisdiction and cannot therefore be proceeded against under the Defence of the Realm Acts.

Nothing in this announcement will affect existing arrangements for the censorship of naval or military matter (to which wholly different considerations apply) nor the censorship of other matters save so far as they relate to foreign affairs.

NO SEPARATE PEACE.

TEXT OF THE COMPACT.

The Home Press was informed by the Foreign Office last month that the following is a translation of the Declaration by which Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan and Russia engaged not to conclude peace separately during the present war:—

The Italian Government having decided to accede to the Declaration between the British, French, and Russian Governments, signed at London on 6th Sept., 1914, which Declaration was accepted by the Japanese Government on 13th Oct., 1915, the undersigned, duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, hereby declare as follows:—

The British, French, Italian, Japanese, and Russian Governments mutually engage not to conclude peace separately during the present war.

The five Governments agree that when terms of peace come to be discussed no one of the Allies will demand conditions of peace without the previous agreement of each of the other Allies.

In faith whereof the undersigned have signed this Declaration, and have affixed thereto their seals.

Done at London, in quintuplicate, this 30th day of November, 1915.

(L. S.) E. GREY.
(L. S.) PAUL CAMBON.
(L. S.) IMPERIALI.
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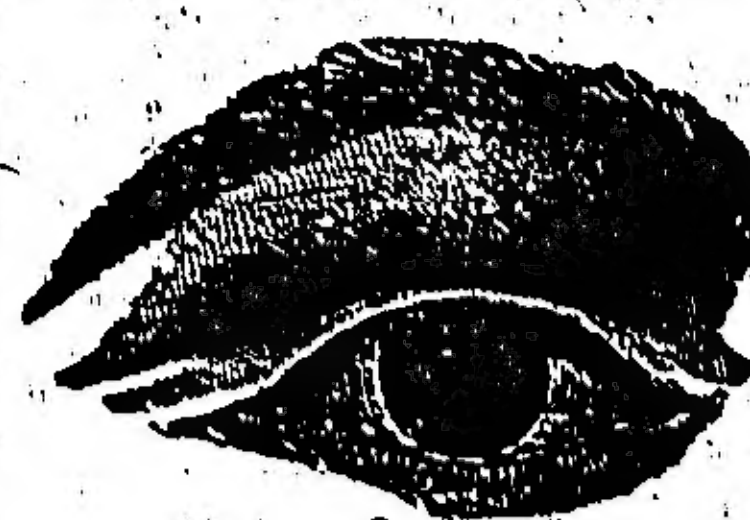
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SHAREHOLDERS desirous of making inquiries in respect of the Debenture issue should apply to the Company's Office in Hongkong.

All applications for debentures must be sent in before the 27th February, 1916. Forms may be had on application.

R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, Dec. 30, 1915.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

BOXING.

SUBJECT to sufficient entries being received an AMATEUR Boxing Competition open to Hongkong will be held in the Gymnasium of the V.R.C. on FRIDAY, February 25th.

CONTRIBUTORS.
(a) 3 two minute rounds and if undecided an extra round of one minute.
(b) In 3 weights, 118 lbs, 135 lbs, and 148 lbs.
(c) Competitors weigh in at V.R.C. on night of February 24th.

Entries stating weight to be addressed to I. DRAKE, Esq., C/o V.R.C., before February 15th. No Entrance Fee. No Competition if less than 18 entries. The Committee reserve the right to refuse entries.

Hongkong, Jan. 31, 1916.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

LOST.

THE SHARE CERTIFICATE No. 4209 for Twenty-five shares numbered 4901 to 4925 inclusive, standing in the Register in the name of Frank Barrington Deacon having been lost. Notice is hereby given that unless the said Certificate be produced at the Office of the Company's Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the Third day of February, 1916, a new Certificate for the said shares will be issued and the old Certificate will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, Jan. 3, 1916.



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Government communicated with Australia and the other Dominions some time ago, concerning some problems bearing on such a scheme—the destruction of Germany's trade, including the control of the Empire's metals, alien trading organisation, Imperial food supplies, and the possibility of framing a British Imperial navigation system. It would seem from what we are able to learn of German opinion, that the business men of Germany are counting confidently on a resumption of the old trade relations as soon as the war ends, but Great Britain and the nations with whom she is fighting in this terrible war have learnt a lesson they can never forget, and made a return to the status quo ante impossible for any of them. When the clash of arms ends the economic war will be continued relentlessly, and now is the time to formulate plans.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr Ho Kom Tong distributes the prizes at Saiyapoon School on Thursday next.

The Chinese Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce has made an appropriation of funds for the establishment of "an up-to-date soap factory" at Hankow.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 8th January, amounted to 61,687 tons and the sales during the period to 6,444 tons.

Subscribers to the Rev. E. L. Johnson's wedding present (organised by Mrs Bowley) can inspect the silver salver with autographs engraved at Messrs Falconer & Co's on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday (the 24th, 25th or 26th instant).

Mr. E. G. Hillier writes to a Peking contemporary stating that a paragraph which had been published referring to his departure is misleading, and that he is proceeding home on ordinary leave, and for personal reasons only.

In the list of purchasers of matched sites at the Race Course for the forthcoming races published in the *China Mail* the other evening the name of Mr. A. R. Lowe was inadvertently given as a purchaser. The name should have been Ah Low, a Chinese.

We have received from the "British and American Tobacco Company" some of their Chinese calendars which advertise the well known Three Castles cigarettes. The calendar is artistic in design and is pleasing in its colours, being less violent in tone than they usually are.

It is notified in the *Government Gazette* that the name of Mrs. McGregor, of "The Retreat," Peak, who is a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery of Glasgow University has been added to the Register of Medical Practitioners entitled to practice medicine in the Colony.

We understand that the plaintiff, a Chinese widow, in the action to recover \$10,200 from the Bank of Canton Ltd. deposited by her husband, just before the Second Revolution is appealing against the decision of the Chief Justice, Sir Wm. Rees Davies, who gave a verdict for the defendant Bank.

An attempt is being made to revive the interest in boxing, which has lagged considerably since the withdrawal of active service of most of the local followers. A tournament has been arranged to take place at the Victoria Recreation Club on Feb. 25th but 18 entries are necessary to insure the competition taking place. Details of weights etc., can be found in our advertisement columns.

It is stated that the Chinese Government will pay a bonus of £10,000 to Sir Richard Dade on the expiration of his present agreement and a further £5,000 on the expiration of his new agreement which will expire in 1918. Sir Richard has been granted seven months' leave of absence on full pay during the currency of the new agreement, with fare to England and back.

The Vice-Consul in charge of the Netherlands Consulate in Hongkong, informs us that the Netherlands Indian Government has recommended the decree by which Hongkong was declared an infected port on account of plague. No special measures are any more necessary for ships leaving for the Netherlands Indies with the exception that the bill of health has to be endorsed by the Consulate-General in Hongkong.

A DARING ROBBERY.

ROBBERS PRETEND THEY ARE POLICE.

Pretending to be police searching for opium, six men, two armed with batons, entered the house of Mr. Ho Kom Tong at 27 Gilling Street and forced him to open a safe, from which they took \$2,000. Three of the men have been arrested.

THE MAGISTRACY.

DUMPING ASHES.

Four Chinese were each fined \$5, or 14 days' imprisonment, by Mr Hazeland this morning for dumping ashes on private ground held by Mr L. D'Almeida as trustee for friends.

UNSTAMPED LETTERS.

A Chinese was fined \$40 by Mr Hazeland this morning for bringing 17 unstamped letters into the Colony. The Postmaster-General prosecuted.

Two members of the Pig Dealers' Guild were charged on remand before Mr Wood this morning with taking 31 and 39 unstamped letters respectively out of the Colony.

The Postmaster-General, Mr E. C. D. Wolfe, prosecuted, and Mr J. H. Gardiner defended.

Mr Wolfe said he had been through the correspondence carefully, and he was satisfied the case was no different from an ordinary one. In each packet of china there was one addressed to a bank, a bank account. Other letters contained market statements as to the price of pigs.

Mr Gardiner said it would be absolutely impossible for the dealers to send them through by the post because they did not know the addresses, and that was why the agent took them.

Mr Wolfe said the letters were all fully addressed. He guaranteed that the Post Office could have delivered all the letters.

Mr Wolfe said that defendants must have known that since the war started no communication of any kind was allowed to leave the Colony except through the Post. No doubt they had been doing it before, and had only just been found out. That was no excuse for letting them off. His worship had convicted people who had done the wrong thing once after doing the right thing for years. He himself (Mr Wolfe) had taken out a dog license for years, but one year he forgot and was made to pay for it (laughter).

Defendants were each fined \$20.

THE ALLEGED THEFT BY A SEPOY.

The Indian soldier charged with the theft of sixty saivages and other money from another member of the Hongkong-Singapore Station, while both were in hospital, was brought up on remand before Mr Wood this morning.

Mr W. E. L. Shenton, prosecuting, referred his Worship to various cases dealing with identification of the stolen property in cases of the larceny of money.

Mr F. C. Jenkin appeared to defend.

The case was remanded to Friday at 2.15.

SELLING POISON WITHOUT A LICENSE.

The Kang Song Yuen, of Wing Lok Street, was summoned before Mr Hazeland this morning for not being registered under Ordinance 12 of 1908 for keeping a shop for retailing poison, for selling poison without having the word "poison" on the bottle in English and Chinese, for selling poison to a person unknown, and for selling poison without making an entry in the book before delivery.

Mr G. N. Orme prosecuted for the Crown, Mr W. E. L. Shenton defending.

Mr Orme said he wished to withdraw the third and fourth charges.

Mr Shenton said his clients purchased the preparation wholesale to sell retail. There was nothing in it to show it was poison, and as it was bought from properly-qualified people they thought they could sell it. The drug was formerly sold by Germans.

Mr Hazeland said that was so, but he thought that his recent decision would have been read by these people.

Mr Orme remarked that he did not press for an exemplary penalty, but pointed out that this shop was quite close to the one concerned in the recent case so the defendant firm should have known of it.

Mr Shenton said the effect of the decision would be that only registered chemists would be allowed to sell the drug. The people who sold it wholesale would doubtless see that it did not get into the hands of those people in any large quantities.

A fine of \$20 on each of the two charges was imposed.

THE WAR CHARITIES FUND COMMITTEE.

The following letter has been addressed to the Colonial Secretary:

1 De Vries Road Central, Hongkong.

22nd January, 1916.

Sir,—With reference to the recent appointment of a Committee in connection with War Charities, I have the honour to inquire why the name of no member of the branch of the profession to which I belong appears amongst the members of such Committee.

I also notice that no names of members of the Medical Profession, the Architects, the Engineers, the Professors of Chartered Accountants appear on such Committee, nor do the names of any members of the ordinary community of the Colony, such as the ordinary mercantile firms and the large shops engaged in business here, and I have to inquire why the classes above mentioned are omitted from a Committee which is supposed to be, but clearly is not, representative. I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

HERBERT W. LOCKER.

The Hon. Mr. Cecil Sturt, Colonial Secretary.

THE COMING RACE MEETING.

TRAINING TIMES.

There was a thick mist over the Valley this morning, which prevented the following of racing form during the early gallops. The "star" performance was Mr. Hewick's black derby gelding, which covered a mile in 2.11.3, last 1.32.1. Mr. Kadoorie's grey gelding did a nice gallop over a mile and a quarter, last mile, 35.11.35, 2.23.3. Very few of the old ponies were out and of the subs., Mr. Sassoon's "handsome beast" went well, 2.19, last quarter 31.3; while the Chartered Bank's candidate gave a creditable showing over a mile and a half, finishing in 31.1. Mr. Soares' sub., which is another good one, was taken easily but finished well in 1.00.1, 31.1. Mr. Macle's sub. was a good pony in his subscription gallop, and with Mr. Knoll up went in good style over a mile and a quarter, which he negotiated in 3.01, last quarter 31.1. All Mr. John Peel's stable were given fairly easy "pows" as were also the rest of Sir Paul's, but the latter has a good pony in his light chestnut sub, which is a free easy mover with a big stride. His quarters this morning over a mile and a quarter were, 30.2, 35.3, 35.3, 35.3, 2.14.2, 2.55.3.

The times, "clocked" this morning are—

Mr. Denwick's bl. derby, boy, o. 1 mile, 33.2, 1.08, 1.39.2, 2.11.3, last 1.32.1.

Mr. Benwick's g. derby, boy, o. 1 mile, last 1.35, —, 1.43, 2.18, 2.50, last 1.32.1.

Mr. Terce's derby, boy, o. 1 mile, 38.2, 1.10.3, 1.50, 2.23, last 1.35.

Sir Paul's g. and sp. m. derbies, boys, o. 1 mile, 34, 1.08.2, 1.41.1, 2.14 and 2.17, last 1.30 and 35.1.

Sir Paul's g. derby (C.R.B.), boy, o. 1 mile, 33, 1.00.1, 1.38.1, last 1.32.

Sir Paul's bl. derby, boy, o. 1 mile, 35, 1.12, 1.42.4, 2.20.2, last 1.37.3.

Mr. White's two derbies, Mr. Knoll and boy, o. 1 mile, last 1.35.3, 1.12.4, 1.43.3 and 1.50; last quarter 33.3 and 38.

Mr. John Peel's Tinker, boy, and v. derby, boy, o. 1 mile last 1.38, 1.15, 1.45.3, last 1.32.3.

Mr. Seth's derby, boy, and Maybey, Seth, o. 1 mile, 33.3, 1.00.3, 1.34, 2.16 and 2.17.2, last 1.32 and 33.2.

Mr. Kadoorie's g. derby, boy, o. 1 mile, last 1.37, 1.08, 1.41, 2.10.3, last 1.32.3.

Mr. Moller's ch. derby, boy, 1 mile, 37.3, 1.18, 1.55.1, 2.28, last 1.32.1.

Mr. Moller's two derbies, boys, bl. and dk. g., o. 1 mile, last mile 35.2, 1.11.2, 1.45.1, 2.18.2 and 2.22.1; last quarter 32.3 and 30.2.

Mr. John Peel's ch. derby, boy, o. 1 mile, last 1.43, —, 2.01.2, 2.38.1, 3.07.4, last 1.31.3.

Triumphant Duhia, boy, o. 1 mile, 35, 1.11, 1.46, 2.17, last 1.31.1.

Sandaway, boy, o. 1 mile, last 1.43, 1.25, 2.08.2, 2.49.2, 3.20.3, last 1.34.1.

Freddie, Knoll, o. 1 mile, last 1.38.3, 1.44.2, 1.49, 2.25.1, 3.00, 3.11.1, last 1.31.1.

Major Nathan's sub., boy, o. 1 mile, —, 1.16, —, 2.25.1.

Mr. Waylong's sub., Sedgwick, o. 1 mile, 41, 1.21, —, 2.00.4.

Mr. Kremer's sub., Kremer, o. 1 mile, 42.2, 1.26, 2.00, 2.42, last 1.36.

Mr. Kremer's ch. sub., Kremer, o. 1 mile, 39.3, 1.15, 1.53.2, 2.30, last 1.35.3.

Mr. White's and Messrs. Kadoorie and White's subs., boys, o. 1 mile, 37.2, 1.15, 1.54, 2.26.3, last 1.32.3.

Mr. Sassoon's sub., boy, o. 1 mile, 36, 1.11.3, 1.47.3, 2.19, last 1.31.2.

Dr. Jordan's sub., boy, o. 1 mile last 1.35, —, 1.43.

Mr. Dyer's sub., Boyd, and Section 4's sub., boy, o. 1 mile, last 1.37, 1.13.2, 1.49.1, 2.25 last 1.35.4.

The Chartered Bank's sub., boy, o. 1 mile, 40, 1.18.2, 1.53, 2.28.4, 3.04.1, 3.35.2, last 1.31.1.

Mr. Walker's dun sub., boy, 1 mile, 36, 1.11.1, 1.43, last 1.31.4.

Mr. Soares' sub., boy, 1 mile, 50.2, 1.28.2, 2.10, 2.47.2, 3.22.2, 3.59.3, last 1.31.1.

Mr. Shelling's sub., boy, o. 1 mile, last 1.35, 1.11.3, 1.47.2, 2.22.1, last 1.35.2.

Mr. Maitland's sub., 1 mile, 33, 1.06.3, last 1.34.3.

Mr. Agar's sub., Seth, and Section 1's sub., boy, o. 1 mile, 33, 1.06.2, 1.40, 2.19, last 1.30.

Mr. Macle's sub., Knoll, and Mr. Lafont's sub., boy, o. 1 mile, 34, 1.16, 1.53.2, 2.30, 3.01, last 1.31.

Mr. Morris's two subs., boys, o. 1 mile, last 1.37, 1.12.4, 1.47.1, last 1.31.2.

Mr. Moller's two subs., boys, o. 1 mile, 43.2, 1.23, 1.58, 2.50.4, last 1.32.4.

Mr. Beth's sub., boy, 1 mile last 1.32.1, 1.07, last 1.34.4.

Mr. Humphrey's two subs., boys, o. 1 mile, 37, 1.12.2, 1.50, 2.26, 2.51, and 3.00.1, last quarter 33.1 and 31.1.

Mr. John Peel's g. and bl. subs., boys, 1 mile, 35.1, 1.12.1, 1.44.3, last 1.32.2.

Mr. John Peel's ch. sub., boy, 1 mile, 36.2, 1.07.3, last 1.31.1.

Sir Paul's g. sub., (P.S.) and bl. sub., boys, o. 1 mile, 2.21, last 1.37.2, 1.12.3, 1.41.4, last 1.32.2.

Sir Paul's bl. ch. sub., boy, o. 1 mile, 38.2, 1.18.3, 2.23.3, 2.55.2, last 1.31.4.

Sir Paul's v. and bl. subs., boys, o. 1 mile, 34, 1.09.1, 1.43.4, 2.17, last 1.30.1.

When two ponies have "powed" together and both times have been clocked they are given above in the order they finished.

STRAIGHT AT IT.

THERE is no use of our "beating around the bush." We might as well say what it is at last. We want you to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The next time you have a cough or cold. There is no reason so far as we can see why you should not do so. This preparation by its remarkable cures has gained a world-wide reputation, and people everywhere speak of it in the highest terms of praise. It is for sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Editor's Service to the China Mail.)

THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

PURSUIT OF TURKS IN CAUCASUS.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 21.
A communique says:
Our troops in the Caucasus continue their pursuit of the disorganised Turkish Central Army, and have converted the first blow into a considerable success, the retreating enemy losing heavily in men and material.

RUSSIA'S OFFENSIVE IN BUKOVINA.

ITS INFLUENCE ON THE BALKAN SITUATION.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 21.
The Press emphasises the importance of the Russian offensive in Bukovina in drawing off large forces from the Balkans and isolating the Bulgarians, who are thus unable to attack Salonika or operate in Albania.

THE BATTLE NEAR CZERNOWITZ.

ENORMOUS ENEMY LOSSES.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 21.
A communique states:
In the Rumanze district, north-east of Czernowitz, we carried a portion of the enemy position.
The enemy made five desperate attempts to recapture it but all the attempts were repulsed and the enemy suffered enormous losses.

RUSSIAN OPERATIONS IN PERSIA.

IMPORTANT SUCCESS.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 21.
A telegram from Teheran reports that after a most difficult march over snow-covered passes the Russian forces surrounded and defeated a Persian rebel band, a thousand strong, which threatened the communications of the Russian Expeditionary Force in Persia in the region of Enzeli Reacht.

SULTANABAD OCCUPIED.

LATER.

The Russians have occupied Sultanabad.
The enemy and the German Consul fled to Burujird.

ITALIAN FRONT.

OPERATIONS BY SKI DETACHMENTS.

ROME, Jan. 21.

A communique states:
Ski detachments during the night climbed the ice covered by very deep snow to Sforzellina Pass, a height of 10,000ft. They then descended into Monte Valley and destroyed, under fire, two enemy blockhouses, exploding mines, and returned safely.

"CRIMINAL CALUMNIES."

ROME, Jan. 21.
The Montenegrin Premier in a statement said he hoped the tragic end of Montenegro would silence the criminal calumnies that she plotted for peace with the enemy.

RECRUITING SCENES.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

A telegram from Rome says the *Messaggero* interprets Signor Barzani's speech as meaning that the Italians will only remain in Albania if required to do so in the interests of Italy or those of the Allies.

THE MONTENEGRIN ROYAL FAMILY.

ROME, Jan. 21.

The Queen of Montenegro and the Princesses have gone to Lyons.
The Queen of Italy accompanied them part of the way.
The King of Italy and the Princesses bade them farewell on their departure.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER.

In trying a cough medicine for children, bear in mind that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best for children, and that it contains no harmful drugs. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

GUNBOAT'S GLORIOUS FEAT.

V.C. FOR THE COMMANDER.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

A glorious feat by the little gunboat *Comet* is told in to-day's *Gazette* in which it is announced that Lieut.-Commander E. C. Cookson has been awarded the Victoria Cross. Surgeon H. Loughlin, Engineer T. Kerr and Flight-Lieut. V. G. Blackburn have been awarded Distinguished Service Crosses.

The *Comet*, advancing towards Kut, was ordered on September 28th to examine and, if possible, to destroy an obstruction across the river.

The gunboat was subjected to very heavy machine gun and rifle fire from both banks. The *Comet* attempted to sink the centre dhow of the obstruction by gunfire. Having failed in this, Lieut.-Commander Cookson ordered the *Comet* alongside so as to board the dhow and cut the ropes.

Lieut.-Commander Cookson was killed on board the dhow while hacking with an axe at the wire hawsears connecting the dhow with two others.

Surgeon Loughlin tended the wounded under the heaviest fire. Engineer Kerr kept the *Comet* in the engine-room in excellent order and also carried away the wounded.

Flight-Lieut. Blackburn carried despatches between the General and the *Comet*.

MORE NAVAL HONOURS.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

The Distinguished Service Cross for services during the advance to Kut-el-Amara has been awarded to Sub-Lieut. L. C. Tudway for remarkable ability and coolness in manoeuvring the armed launch *Sennan* under fire.

Naval Lieutenant K. Singleton and W. V. Harris, and Sub-Lieut. J. E. Brown are mentioned.

THE MILITARY SERVICE BILL.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

In the discussion in the House of Commons on the second reading of the Military Service Bill, dealing with the tribunals, Mr. Lord said representation of Labour would be fully provided.

The Committee stage was concluded.

The proceedings throughout were characterised by a desire that the Bill should work well.

Mr. Snowden (a Labour member) complimented Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Long on the manner in which they had conducted the debate.

LABOUR AND THE MILITARY BILL.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

The joint committee of the railwaymen, miners and transporters unions have asked the Executive to take the views of the respective bodies in reference to the Military Bill, having in view a joint meeting of the three unions on the subject if necessary.

RECRUITING SCENES.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

There are animated scenes at the recruiting stations in connection with the calling up of the first attested groups, the men being most cheerful and singing.

OVIATION TO BRITISH TROOPS IN ROME.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

A party of British troops passed through Rome yesterday and received an ovation. They were taken to the Coliseum and other sights of the city.

INCREASING THE NAVY'S PERSONNEL.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

A Supplementary Estimate for increasing the personnel of the Navy to 250,000 has been agreed to by the House of Commons without discussion.

KAISER'S THEATRICALS
AT NISH.HIS GRATITUDE TO THE
ALMIGHTY.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 21.
A telegram from Nish reports that the Kaiser's visit, culminated in a remarkable banquet, the date being the anniversary of the crowning of the first King of Prussia.

The atmosphere of the banquet and its pomp and setting recalled ancient times.

King Ferdinand of Bulgaria welcomed the Kaiser in the Roman fortress at Nish and expressed the hope that this would bring lasting peace, allowing "my people to co-operate in the future work of Kultur." King Ferdinand conducted his speech with the words "Are Emperor Caesar at Nish, victor at glorious ex." and continued speaking in Latin: "The people of the East salute thee, Redeemer, as bringing to the oppressed prosperity and salvation."

The Kaiser replied in flamboyant sentences congratulating King Ferdinand on pressing his "old good chains," smoothing the way of Bulgaria to a glorious future, adding one sentence full of glory to mention he expressed the deepest gratitude to the Almighty that he was able to press King Ferdinand's hands on this historic spot and listen to his words and his determination to fight for a successful and lasting peace. He raised his glass to Bulgaria's future.

GERMANY AND BULGARIA.

LAVISH EXCHANGE OF
DECORATIONS.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 21.
There has been a lavish exchange of decorations between the Germans and Bulgarians, including the Bulgarian Grand Cross for bravery to the Kaiser.

BOMBARDMENT OF BULGARIAN
PORTS.

"THE LONG BOW."

LATER.
A Bulgarian communiqué says twenty-four warships bombarded Dedagatch for four hours on Tuesday morning. Four horses were killed. Simultaneously sixteen warships cruised in the Bay of Porto Lago, and started bombarding at one in the afternoon, ceasing fire at 5.30 in the evening. There were no casualties.

ATHENS, Jan. 21.

The Allied Squadron bombarding Porto Lago landed a reconnaissance party. Simultaneously a seaplane scoured the town and suburbs.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE WITH
GREEK PREMIER.

ATHENS, Jan. 21.

The British and French Ministers had a long conference with M. Skouloudis, the Greek Prime Minister, to which much importance is attached.

A SWEDISH REPRISAL.

NO PULP FOR NEWSPAPERS.

LONDON, Jan. 21.
An important matter to newspapers has arisen owing to the decision of Sweden to prohibit the export of paper pulp.

It is reported that this is a reprisal for the alleged British seizure of Swedish cargoes.

Experts are of opinion that there will be a big rise in the cost of paper, especially of the kind used by newspapers.

It is pointed out that Great Britain is almost wholly dependent on Sweden for paper pulp. The little that is made in Canada is mostly absorbed in the United States.

It is expected that although there are large stocks of paper in Great Britain at present, the size of newspapers will have to be cut down unless the embargo is speedily removed.

THE NEW ENEMY TRADING BILL.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

The House of Commons has passed the second reading of the new Enemy Trading Bill.

The measure is cordially received.

WESTERN FRONT.

FOURTEEN AIR FIGHTS.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

A communiqué states that in the course of fourteen air fights yesterday we drove down two enemy machines into the German lines. We lost one aeroplane.

We exploded a mine near Fricourt. To-day is generally quiet. There is less artillery fire than usual.

MINOR ACTIVITY.

PARIS, Jan. 21.

A communiqué states: Between the Somme and the Aisne our artillery bombarded enemy establishments near the station of Chaulnes, causing a fire and explosions.

An enemy column north of the Aisne was caught by our fire and scattered.

Elsewhere there have been intermittent artillery actions.

LATER.

A communiqué "announces" only minor operations.

AUSTRALIAN EXPORTS TO
NETHERLANDS PROHIBITED.

MELBOURNE, Jan. 21.

A proclamation is gazetted prohibiting all exports to the Netherlands.

ECONOMIC WARFARE AGAINST
GERMANY.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

In the House of Commons Mr. Bonar Law announced that the resolution proposed by Mr. Hewins and the report of the debate thereon, on January 11th, had been communicated to the Dominions, and the subject was receiving the earnest consideration of the Imperial Government.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

The British steamer *Sutherland*, reported at Bombay on December 12th, was sunk on the 17th inst. The crew was picked up on the 10th and landed at Malta on the 20th. One *Lasar* was dead.

DEATH OF A FAMOUS AIRWOMAN.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

The death is announced of Miss Treharne Davies, who was the first woman to fly across the English Channel.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

REPORTS FROM DIVINSK AND
MIDDLE STRIPA.158 TURKISH SAILING SHIPS
DESTROYED.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 20.

A communiqué states: In the Divinsk region we successfully bombarded an enemy column approaching Scheloberg.

We repulsed several feeble attacks in the middle Stripa.

Our torpedo destroyers on the 17th inst. raided the north-east coast of Asia Minor, destroying 163 sailing ships of which 73 were laden with provisions.

At Kaprikeny we captured guns, artillery, ammunition and prisoners.

The Tsar has sent a message to the Russian forces in the Caucasus expressing his sincere gratitude for the blow delivered.

ITALY'S DISTRUST OF
MONTENEGRO.

ITALIAN STEADFASTNESS.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

Signor Barzani, the Italian Minister of Finance, speaking at Ancona, said that Italy distrusted Montenegro since, against Italy's wishes, she hastened to occupy Sentari.

If the Italians had succeeded in sending heavy guns to Lovcen they would merely have swelled the Austrian booty. The capitulation of Montenegro would not modify the position of the belligerent groups.

It was impossible yet to say how it would affect Italy's Albanian expedition, but Italy's conduct would continue to be based on the idea of a common interest in a common struggle.

CROUP.

Every young child is susceptible to croup. Don't wait until this dreadful disease attacks your little one before you prepare for it. It comes in the night when chemists' shops are usually closed, and this alone should be a warning. Get and keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy on hand. It never fails, acts quickly and is absolutely harmless. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

DEDEAGATCH BOMBARDED.

SALONICA, Jan. 19.

Warships yesterday bombarded Dedagatch, doing considerable damage. A train was destroyed and several store-houses are on fire.

THE BLOCKADE OF GERMANY.
TO BE DISCUSSED IN PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

In the House of Commons, Major Hunt called attention to the British blockade of Germany and asked whether it was effective.

Sir Edward Grey said he understood the matter would be discussed next week, but any statement that the Navy was crippled by the Foreign Office was grossly unfair and entirely misrepresented the fact.

COMPULSORY SERVICE IN GREAT
BRITAIN.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Tennant described the position of the Territorials under the Compulsion Bill. The married men and men unsuitable for foreign service would be unaffected. The rest would be entitled to volunteer for foreign service in their present regiments.

Amples opportunity for so volunteering would occur in the next few weeks. Those who did not volunteer would be discharged from the Territorials and compulsorily enlisted. An amendment for exempting home service territorials was rejected by 259 to 26.

NEW ZEALAND AND COMPULSION.

WELLINGTON, Jan. 20.

Mr. Massey, the Premier of New Zealand, in a speech, stated that if the voluntary system failed compulsion would be adopted.

CANADA'S VOLUNTEERS.

OTTAWA, Jan. 20.

The Premier announced in the Dominion House of Commons that there had been 153,000 enlistments in Canada during the first fortnight of January.

THE SITUATION IN MONTENEGRO.

PARIS, Jan. 20.

King Nicholas expresses the hope that the Allies will help the Montenegrins to evacuate the country if such a step is necessary.

ALLIED TROOPS AT MITYLENE.

ATHENS, Jan. 20.

Allied troops are landing at Mitylene.

SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS ARRIVE
IN EGYPT.

PRETORIA, Jan. 20.

The first South African infantry brigade has arrived in Egypt.

BRITISH SUBMARINE AGROUND.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

The Admiralty announces that a British submarine grounded on the Dutch coast. A British destroyer rescued some of the officers and crew while the remainder are being taken to Holland on a Dutch warship.

THE LOSS OF THE "PERSIA."

BOARD OF TRADE ENQUIRY.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

The Board of Trade will enquire into the loss of the *Persia*.

DUTCH LINER RELOADED.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

The Dutch liner *Rinjdam* is ashore near Gravesend. The passengers are mostly American; none are injured.

GERMANY BRIBERY ON A
COLOSSAL SCALE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.

The special correspondent in Europe of the *Pittsburg Dispatch* estimates that Germany spent 72½ millions sterling in propaganda and bribery in fifteen neutral countries. He gives details of how the money was spent, which included bribes for Persian potentates, palaces for Chinese mandarins and motor-cars for Greek lawyers.

THE RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE IN
BESSARABIA.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 20.

An Austrian communiqué confirms the seriousness of the Russian thrust on the Bessarabian frontier. It says that between Toporanyi and Boian the Austrians have to face almost hourly attacks by superior forces and admits that yesterday the Russians repeatedly penetrated the trenches elsewhere. In some places the troops were under a severe artillery fire the whole day.

GENERAL VILLA CAPTURED.

EL PASO, Jan. 20.

The report that General Carranza's troops have captured General Villa is confirmed.

MR. MONTAGUE RETURNED.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

The Hon. E. S. Montagu has been returned unopposed for West Cambridgeshire.

THE NEW ENEMY TRADING BILL.

SOME OF ITS PROVISIONS.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

The latest Enemy Trading Bill is most drastic. The Board of Trade may stop any business belonging to a firm controlled by enemies or that is carrying on trade wholly or mainly for their benefit, whether here or in enemy countries. Also, it may take over any German patent.

Inspectors may examine any business for the purpose of ascertaining whether it is controlled by, or is benefiting, the enemy. The Registrar of Companies may refuse to register a Company if one subscriber to the Memorandum of Association, or a proposed Director, is an enemy. Shares cannot be transferred to or for the benefit of an enemy. Any company registered here and doing outside the United Kingdom business which, if done in the United Kingdom, would be trading with the enemy, may be wound up.

PROTECTION FOR HOME
INDUSTRIES.

BOARD OF TRADE PROPOSALS.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

A report will shortly be published by a sub-committee of the Board of Trade recommending the imposition of a general tariff on certain imports for the purpose of fostering twelve industries for which Great Britain was largely dependent on Germany before the war. The imports mentioned include electrical apparatus and optical glass.

The report mentions that before the outbreak of war the manufacture of magnets was largely in the hands of Germany, although they are essential to motor-cars and aeroplanes. The Government seized the large stocks held by German firms in England, the non-withdrawal of which was one of Germany's failures.

EXPORT DUTY ON JUTE.

LONDON, Jan. 22.

The Dundee Chamber of Commerce have passed a resolution by an overwhelming majority recommending an export duty on jute, with rebates to Britain and her allies.

AUSTRALIA'S VIEWS.

SYDNEY, Jan. 20.

Mr. Hughes declared, during the course of a speech, that we must cut every power which Germany exercised before the war so as to prevent her troubling us again.

AMERICAN NAVAL PROGRAMME
DISCUSSED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.

Mr. Daniels, the Secretary of the Navy, advocated the naval programme before the Naval Committee representatives on the ground that at the close of the war, with great wealth and an increasing fleet, America would be able to call an international conference on the limitation of armaments.

The members of the Committee argued that America could call a conference without increasing the fleet.

There was an animated debate in the Senate on the rights of neutrals in the war.

Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, repudiated the idea that the Southern States cared more for property than for the lives of women and children who had been sent to their graves in the ocean. He did not intend to worry the President about loss of property until the question of the loss of women and children had been settled with Germany. Southerners knew that if the shipment of cotton to the Allies was cut off cotton would be worth only four cents a lb.

ITALY'S NEED OF MEN.

ROME, Jan. 20.

Those who were reported as medically unfit are being re-examined and those who have recovered are sent to join the colours.

LANCASHIRE COTTON MILL
DESTROYED BY FIRE.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

Damage estimated at £200,000 has been caused by fire in the largest cotton spinning mill in Lancashire.

SERBIAN GOVERNMENT AT CORFU.

ATHENS, Jan. 20.

The Serbian Government has arrived at Corfu.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

Messrs. Montague's report states that the undertone of the silver market is steady, notwithstanding the fall in price which appears to have originated in China, whence the selling is made to Indian bazaar which, consequently, unloaded upon the London market. Silver is held here awaiting shipment. The reduced price, however, proved tempting to China and other operators who saw a chance to catch a profit. The appearance of the market seems to indicate movements within narrow limits as America is a hesitant seller and Continental and other demands are bound to arise on a fair scale. The stock in London at the present time is not large. It is in the neighbourhood of five and a half million ounces fine.

FIRE AT EAST POINT.

HEAVY DAMAGE.

An explosion which blew out the verandah posts into the street, and caused damage estimated at between £40,000 and \$50,000, was the result of a fire which broke out at 11 and 13 Shaukiwan Road, Whitefield, at 1.15 this morning. There was no loss of life, although one coolie has been sent to the Government Civil Hospital with injuries to the head received in jumping from the first-floor verandah into the street.

The building was a godown stacked by houses, and was stocked with feathers, brushes, cassia oil, and human hair. There were about 133 drums of oil, it is said, valued at \$200 per picul. The fire brigade, under Supt. Wodehouse and Station Officer Lane, turned out promptly and had the fire under control by 4 a.m. Inspector Sim of No. 2 police station was also in attendance. The godown was owned by the Chuen Hang Co., exporters, of 21 Chin Loong Street, and none of the loss is covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is supposed to have been spontaneous combustion among the feathers.

THE DEMOLITION OF
"BIAOONSFIELD."

A COLLAPSE.

A serious accident, happily unattended by loss of life or personal injury, occurred at Battery Path when the whole of the front of the old Government buildings at the rear of Beaconsfield Arcade collapsed, bringing down about three tons of granite and a large quantity of loose bricks. The buildings were very old, and were in the course of being pulled down to permit of the erection of a building for the French Mission. Apparently the collapse was due to the top portion of the half-demolished building being too heavy for its supports.

The collapse occurred at about 8.15 this morning. Other coolies and passers by had narrow escapes.

The buildings were formerly used as the Registrar General's office, and 21 years ago were the chief offices of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire. Rumours were prevalent at first of a number of coolie women being imprisoned under the fallen granite, but everyone had been accounted for when the police ceased digging at about 9.30. One woman was sent to the Tang Wah Hospital, but did not go in for attention.

PROHIBITED EXPORTS.

ADDITIONS TO THE LIST.

A Proclamation by the Governor, published in today's Gazette amends the previous proclamation under the Military Stores (Exportation) Ordinances, as follows:

(1) That the exportation of the following goods be prohibited to all destinations other than the United Kingdom and British Possessions and Protectorates:

Cotton wadding;
Cotton wool;
Iron ore of all descriptions;
Railway waggons;
Soft soap.

(2) That the heading "All manufactures and products of cotton, except cotton lace and cotton waste" in the list of goods the exportation of which is prohibited to all foreign countries in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than France, Russia (except through Baltic Ports), Italy, Spain and Portugal, be deleted, and there be substituted therefor the heading "All manufactures and products of cotton except cotton lace, cotton wadding, cotton waste and wool."

(3) That the heading "China clay (including China stone and potter's clay)" in the list of goods the exportation of which is prohibited to all foreign countries in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than France, Russia (except through Baltic Ports), Italy, Spain and Portugal, be deleted, and there be substituted therefor the heading "China clay (including China stone, ball clay and potter's clay)."

(4) That the exportation of "Egg yolk and liquid, and albumen" be prohibited to all foreign countries in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than France, Russia (except through Baltic Ports), Italy, Spain and Portugal, be deleted, and there be substituted therefor the heading "Egg yolk and liquid, and albumen, made from tinplate."

(5) That the headings "Tinplate" and "Tinplates, including tin boxes and tin canisters for food packing" in the list of goods the exportation of which is prohibited to all foreign countries in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than France, Russia (except through Baltic Ports), Italy, Spain and Portugal, be deleted, and there be substituted therefor the heading "Tinplate and tin canisters made from tinplate."

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